

Subtracting Mixed Numbers

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Take one of the whole numbers

And break it into parts

The same size as your denominator

Add that whole fraction – to the fraction on top

And suddenly it's big enough, so you can subtract

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